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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, ECAC

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ECAC MEETING ON AIR FARES AND CHARTERS

1. ON FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, ECAC HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS  
NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES AND CHARTER FLIGHTS. ALTHOUGH WE  
DO NOT KNOW PRECISE AGENDA, WE ASSUME FOLLOWING SPECIFIC  
MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED:

A. TARIFF FILINGS MADE BY PAN AM, TWA AND OTHER US AIR-  
LINES TO EXTEND BUDGET AND STANDBY FARES TO MARKETS OTHER  
THAN NEW YORK-LONDON. ACCORDING TO UK, MAJORITY OF ECAC  
COUNTRIES OPPOSE THIS EXTENSION AND DECIDED AT A MEETING  
IN JANUARY DISAPPROVE SUCH FARES.

B. US AND UK ARE NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT ON CHARTER AIR  
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SERVICES. DURING US-UK TALKS IN LONDON LAST WEEK, BRITISH  
SAID THEY WERE BOUND BY THEIR ECAC COMMITMENTS NOT TO  
ACCEPT LESS THAN 30 DAYS ADVANCE BOOKING ON ABC CHARTERS  
AND NOT TO ACCEPT ANY FILL-UP RIGHTS ON THESE CHARTERS.  
HOWEVER, WHEN US PROPOSED ALLOW PART CHARTERS IN RETURN FOR  
ABC FILL-UP RIGHTS, UKDEL IMPLIED IT MIGHT NOT FEEL BOUND

BY ITS ALLEGED ECAC COMMITMENTS.

2. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED INQUIRE DISCREETLY ABOUT

RESULTS ECAC MEETING FROM ANY SOURCES WHICH MIGHT BE WILLING DIVULGE INFORMATION. INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT WE PARTICULARLY WANT TO KNOW ECAC ATTITUDES ON TWO POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE, AS WELL AS WHO VOTED FOR WHAT.

3. FOR BRUSSELS. ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT BELGIANS DID NOT ATTEND MEETING, THEY MIGHT BE A GOOD SOURCE.

4. FOR THE HAGUE. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY COULD ASK DUTCH DIRECTLY ABOUT MEETING SINCE THEY PRESUMABLY NOW HAVE SOMETHING TO GAIN FROM BEING OPEN WITH US. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ASK FOR SPECIFIC DUTCH REACTIONS TO US PROPOSAL IN STATE 39489.

5. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSES. VANCE

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